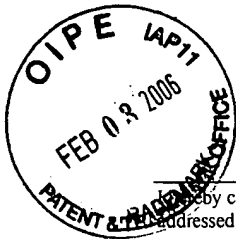


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NOTICE OF INTERFERENCE PROCEEDING IN RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicants hereby notify the Examiner that two related patent applications having U.S. Serial Nos. 10/652,655 and 10/650,252, respectively, are involved in an interference proceeding, Patent Interference No. 105,366 (McK), before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Count 1 of the interference proceeding is "A composition of matter in accordance with claim 124 of Li application 10/652,655" or "a composition of matter in accordance with claim 87 of Li application 10/650,252" or "a composition of matter in accordance with claim 1 of Singer application 10/816,376."

Once the examination of the present application is completed, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consult with an Interference Practice Specialist (IPS) under M.P.E.P. §2307.03 to determine whether and how further action should proceed.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that no fee is required in connection with the filing of the present Notice. However, if any fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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